



TORO – Texas Offroad Racing Organization
Round 1 – Oakhill MX Park – Decatur, Texas
Leivan Wins TORO/WORCS Co-Sanction!
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When the air starts to get crisp and time falls back, it is the beginning of another season of winter racing in North Texas! To SCR Yamaha/Answer/Dunlop backed Steve Leivan, 12-time MHSC AA Champion, it means Missouri Hare Scrambles are in the books and defending his TORO AA Championship is next on the agenda.

TORO Round 1 was a WORCS co-sanction event held at Oakhill MX Park in Decatur, Texas. Over 760 riders turned out for two days of racing on a five-mile course starting out on the motorcross track then heading off-road in a grand prix style grass track. There was a bit of a woods section, a rock bed and log jump area and it finished back on the motorcross loop. The TORO racers were not used to this, they usually run on seven-plus miles of wooded terrain, but most raved about the fun factor. National riders were turning lap times less than 8.5 minutes!

Leivan said, "This Missouri boy was not comfortable with the track. I haven't started out of a MX gate in I don't know how long. Bill's Woods is where I prefer to be when racing in Texas. Ironically enough, the one area of the track I should have had no problem with, the rock section, was my only crash of the day. I lost a glove getting my bike out of there and had to come in to pit earlier than planned. It worked out to my benefit. Late in the race when everyone else pitted, I didn't have to and got back by for the win."

GNS Suzuki/Answer/Scott rider Mark Weeks said, "I thought the track was awesome! It was amazing how fast the National guys were and the intensity was UNREAL! Steve and I had a good race, mixing it up quite a bit, but late when I came in to pit, he got around me and I didn't have enough left to get him back!" Weeks settled for runner up this day.

DFW KTM sponsored, Adam Possin, picked a big event to make his first Pro race. Possin said, "On race day I woke up very nervous and excited and a bit intimidated, but I was ready. My arms pumped up pretty early on, but by the ninth or tenth lap my pit said I was gaining positions." He went on to finish third among the TORO Pros in a race he will not soon forget!

Shawn Goolsby TORO Series Director said, "Everyone that's been racing for a while knows that co-sanctioned events can usually be more than a handful to pull off, but fortunately for our racers the TORO and WORCS staff went above and beyond to make this a memorable and enjoyable event. There were some bumps along the way, but all in all I'd have to rate the effort a success."

TORO Round 2 is November 13/14 in Muenster, Texas - Red River Dirt Riders will host. Go to www.race-toro.org for more information on winter racing in Texas.

AA: 1. Steve Leivan (YAM); 2. Mark Weeks (Suzuki); 3. Adam Possin (KTM); 4. Donnie Cluck (KAW); 5. David Widmer (HON)

Open A: 1. Brian Montgomery; 2. Colby Bolling; 3. Eric Hess; 4. Jeff Wilbanks; 5. Jamie Lamance

Open B: 1. Christian Vowell; 2. Chris Scott; 3. Jimmy Fox; 4. Andrew Piland; 5. Josh Bailey

Open C: 1. Matt Davis; 2. Eric Looney; 3. Marshall Buck; 4. Nick Donald; 5. Brandon Belcher

250 A: 1. Bert Reynolds; 2. Joe McClellan; 3. Tref Hodge; 4. Aaron Ramsey; 5. Kevin Breton

250 B: 1. Carlin Vose; 2. Austin Wann; 3. Brian Jacobs; 4. Devon Coetzer; 5. Eric Gifford

250 C: 1. Tyler Baucom; 2. Zack Beavers; 3. Keenan Hons; 4. Rob Dewey; 5. Aaron Donaldson

200 A: 1. Tyler Schexnailder; 2. Beau Otto; 3. Justin Hays; 4. Todd Martin; 5. Nathan Rodgers

200 B: 1. Cameron Ishmael; 2. Brian Gifford; 3. Cody Beck; 4. Matt Sparks; 5. Kenny Adams

200 C: 1. Justin McKinley; 2. Joshua Woessner; 3. Austin Winter; 4. Heidi Possin; 5. Daniel Boswell
+30 A: 1. Curtis Kirchmeier; 2. Brian Barnes; 3. Cecil Parker; 4. Craig Allen; 5. Brent Sellers
+30 B: 1. Kelly Braddock; 2. Robert Gravley; 3. Stephen Tucker; 4. Tom Eaton; 5. Billy Rodgers
+30 C: 1. T.I. Sadler; 2. Cutter Holloway; 3. Steve Avila; 4. Mark Huff; 5. Brett Flory
+38 A: 1. Ray Jennings; 2. Kenny Vowell; 3. Rob Riner; 4. Darryl Smith; 5. Bobby Southard
+38 B: 1. Jeff Posey; 2. Steve Turner; 3. James Karr; 4. Mark Coetzer; 5. Terry Harmon
+38 C: 1. Kevin Mercer; 2. David Paris; 3. Randy Hancock; 4. Larry Smith; 5. Scott Armel
+45 A: 1. Mike Abbott; 2. David Mckelvy; 3. Dan Burch; 4. Doug Taft; 5. Ronny Donald
+45 B: 1. Barry Jones; 2. Thom Kuhns; 3. Rick Brightwell; 4. Curt Phillips; 5. Mike Looney
+45 C: 1. Steve Channell; 2. John Hesse; 3. Rick Dinwiddie; 4. Charlie Bridges; 5. Dewayn Crow
+50 A: 1. Larry Hunter; 2. Bill Young; 3. Dennis Willmon; 4. Don Wilbanks
+50 B: 1. Charlie Robinson; 2. Brad Miller; 3. Ron Beck; 4. Frank Leivan; 5. Richard Van Tries
+50 C: 1. Gerry E. Rains; 2. Ron Davis; 3. Leon Kirchmeier; 4. Ted Ramsay; 5. Chris Creel
+60: 1. Bill Fleming; 2. Dwight Leatherwood; 3. Hazen Smith; 4. Doyle Rogers; 5. Jerry Boren
Ladies A: 1. Tracy Taz Kisor; 2. Sherri Stephens; 3. Lauren Powell; 4. Heidi Possin; 5. Cathy Estes
Ladies B: 1. Kristen Shirley; 2. Jean Turner; 3. Alyssa Jennings; 4. Ashley Crouch; 5. Jennifer Webb
Ladies C: 1. Rhonda Vaughan; 2. Cindy Gross; 3. Melanie Klander; 4. Susan Hurst; 5. Michelle Fitts
Mini A: 1. Garrett Bollom; 2. Josh Hess
Mini B: 1. Austin Henderson; 2. Brandon Glenn; 3. Tyler Miller; 4. Billy Dasinger; 5. Garrett Crawford
Mini C: 1. Cheyenne Harmon; 2. Brayden Kramer; 3. Jake Wilson; 4. Kenny Brown; 5. Ian Bailey
Pee Wee 50 A: 1. Gaston Johnson; 2. Mason Bowland; 3. Macie Arrington; 4. Wyatt Sadler
Pee Wee 50 B: 1. Nick Burnett
Pee Wee 50 C: 1. Matthew Aldridge; 2. Cole Neal; 3. Landry Songer; 4. Parker Campbell; 5. Colton Corbin
Pee Wee 65 A: 1. Jd Reed; 2. Troy Sanford
Pee Wee 65 B: 1. Shelby Warren; 2. Rj Miller; 3. Dalton Green; 4. Tyler Chidester; 5. Hudson Blacketer
Pee Wee 65 C: 1. Elric Flory; 2. Casey Karr; 3. Trysten Edington; 4. Hannah Otto; 5. Dillon Green Jr.
Beginner: 1. Ben Otto; 2. Jacob Bailey; 3. Rodger Eugster; 4. Colton Hansen